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GLOBAL AND STRATEGIC VIEW

Trump visits Central Command, says he's 100% behind the troops

USA Today, Feb. 6

Making his first official visit to the headquarters of the U.S. Central Command, President Trump told troops that he is "100%" behind them in the fight against "radical Islamic terrorism."

Iraqi forces wage psychological war with jihadist corpses

Reuters, Feb. 6

The flyblown corpses of Islamic State militants have been rotting along a main street in north Mosul for two weeks, a health risk for passersby. Suicide bombers' belts beside the fighters can still explode, killing anyone nearby.

Women and Jihad: The motivation of female suicide bombers

The Jerusalem Post, Feb. 6

Female suicide bombers were relatively unknown till the second intifada that began in September 2000.

Is The US At War? List Of Countries Where There Are American Military Troops Include Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Others

International Business Times, Feb. 6

The U.S. may not be in a direct war with anyone other than the Islamic State, also known as ISIS, but there is still a military presence in multiple countries carried over from previous administrations.

DRONES

Schiebel to supply S-100 UAV for Australian navy

UPI, Feb. 6

For military customers, the product is designed to perform surveillance missions in maritime environments. According to Schiebel, the S-100 is the only UAV in its class that is capable of carrying multiple sensors simultaneously.

Why the Military Is Investing in Paper Airplanes

Smithsonian Magazine, Feb. 6

In the midst of disaster, small items like batteries or medical supplies can be a matter of life or death. But what is the safest and most cost-effective way to deliver those items? The U.S. military is investing resources into answering that question.

WORLDWIDE IED EVENTS

Landmine Kills One, Wounds Three

The Cambodia Daily, Feb. 6

Villagers digging up tree stumps to make furniture accidentally detonated an anti-personnel landmine in Oddar Meanchey province, killing a man and injuring his son and two others in the third fatal landmine explosion this year.

IED blast kills fighter of al-Hashd al-Ashaeri near Baqubah

Iraqi News, Feb. 6

Members of Diyala Provincial Council Karim al-Jabouri announced that an IED blast killed a fighter of al-Hashd al-Ashaeri, east of Baqubah.

THREAT NETWORKS

Turkey detains nearly 750 ISIS suspects in nationwide raids

Associated Press, Feb. 6

Turkey has now detained nearly 750 suspects in a police operation against the Islamic State group.

ISIS Recruitment Methods: Islamic State Targeting Child Refugees?

International Business Times, Feb. 6

The Islamic State group has been recruiting refugee children by paying smugglers' fees.

Al Qaeda Urges Followers to Hit Back at U.S. Following Yemen Raid

The Wall Street Journal, Feb. 6

Al Qaeda's offshoot in Yemen exhorted followers to take on the U.S. in response to a raid by American commandos that killed senior figures in the group.

The rising Islamic State threat in Central Asia

USA Today, Feb. 6

The Soufan Group, which provides security and intelligence assessments to countries and multinational organizations, estimates that roughly 2,000 Islamic State fighters come from Central Asia, an area made up of the former Soviet republics of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

CONGRESS

Ryan Doesn't Rule Out Troops in Syria to Fight Islamic State

Bloomberg, Feb. 5

House Speaker Paul Ryan suggested in an interview that he would support using U.S. ground troops in Syria if it were part of a comprehensive plan to defeat ISIL.

COUNTER IED

\$50 million required to clear Daesh mines in Iraq's Mosul: UN

Press TV, Feb. 6

The United Nations says it costs as much as \$50 million to remove all mines, IEDs and booby traps left by the Daesh terrorist group in and around Mosul, as government forces and allies prepare for a new stage of liberation operations in the Takfiri group's last stronghold on Iraqi soil.

INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Military Lags in Exploiting Artificial Intelligence

National Defense Magazine, Feb. 6

Even as their needs for data analysis continue to grow, the U.S. military and intelligence communities are not harnessing machine learning technology to its full potential, says Brian Wilson, senior vice president of Zenoss, an information technology company that does business in both the commercial and government sectors.

Four U.S. Army Abrams tanks, 15 BFVs reach Estonia

UPI, Feb. 6

Four U.S. Army M1A2 Abrams battle tanks and 15 Bradley Fighting Vehicles arrived in Estonia as part of NATO's Operation Atlantic Resolve.